GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
FINANCE
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VALUATION OF GOODS BY CENTRAL EXCISE AUTHORITIES
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Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the CAG has pointed out the incorrect valuation of goods cleared to sister units by the Central Excise Authorities in the country in their report for the year ending March, 1999 at pages 44-46, resulting in short payment of duty to the extent of several crores of rupees ;

(b) whether his Ministry has not replied to the observations of the C&AG in this regard ;

(c) if so, the reasons for not implementing by the Central Excise authorities the provisions of the Central Excise Act, 1944 to the detriment of the country resulting into losses of crores of rupees every year ;

(d) whether neither any responsibility has been fixed nor any officials are sternly dealt with ; and

(e) if so, the reasons therefor ?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (V. DHANANJAYA KUMAR)

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Ministry has already replied to all the observations of CAG in this regard,

(c) Does not arise in view of reply to part (b) above,

(d) & (e) Responsibility of the Government officers is fixed in all such cases where loss of revenue is established and it can be attributed to lapses on their part.